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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS: U.S. VIEWS ON ROLE OF
UNCTAD SECRETARIAT

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1. PER REFTEL WE APPROACHED HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIAL (ISAKSEN) HANDLING UNCTAD AFFAIRS.

2. ISAKSEN THOUGHT THE LOGIC OF THE U.S. POSITION
WAS UNASSAILABLE REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP BEFORE ANY COMMODITY
CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE. HE ALSO UNDERSTANDS THE
U.S. DESIRE TO LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS
AND TO USE EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS.

3. ISAKSEN, HOWEVER, IS CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT
WE NOW SEEM TO BE ENTERING A PERIOD OF CONFRONTATION,
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AS WITNESSED BY THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN CIEC. DENMARK,

IN PRINCIPLE, HE SAID, WANTS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. HE SPECULATED THAT TO TRY TO FORCE COREA NOW TO CANCEL COMMODITY MEETINGS ALREADY SCHEDULED WOULD ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION NOW DEVELOPING.

4. ISAKSEN STRESSED THAT HIS REACTIONS WERE PERSONAL AND NOT OFFICIAL. AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON THE UNCTAD COMMODITIES RESOLUTION IS BEING DEVELOPED, HE SAID, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER EC COUNTRIES.
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